

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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NON-FUNCTIONING OF AERO-BRIDGE AT MUMBAI AIRPORT

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the four aero-bridges at Mumbai Airport are not working;
- (b) if so, whether the facilities and amenities at both Mumbai Domestic and Mumbai International Airports have gradually deteriorated;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether due to lack of coordination at the International and Domestic Airports among various agencies the passengers are put into inconvenience and flights are delayed; and
- (e) if so, the details of the action plan chalked out by the Government to improve the passenger amenities at the said airports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

- (a) :- No, Sir. Only one finger (L2) out of the two fingers of Aerobridge No.52 at Terminal 2C is not functional since November, 2001 due to slight movement of the vertical column in one direction. The matter has already been taken up with the manufacturers who is expected to arrive during this month for rectification of this aerobridge. However, aerobridge facility is functional with the L1 finger.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) :- The system of coordination between different agencies working at International and Domestic Terminal of Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai is working satisfactorily through mutual consultations and regular meetings of Airport Security Committee, Airport Facilitation Committee and Core group. However, due to the security scenario prevailing in the country and world, and increased security measures like checking of hand baggage etc. by Airport Security Units, at times inconvenience may be caused to the passengers and there may also be slight delay in the departure of flights.
- (e) :- Maharashtra Police have inducted more police officials for speedy clearance of the passengers. Additional gates to the Security hold area at T-1B have been provided. Additional tables have also been provided for frisking of the hand baggage by the police, to avoid harassment to the passengers and delay in the flights.